

**St. Andrew's Hespeler  
Presbyterian Church  
November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
25th Sunday After Pentecost**

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Tuesday—Friday 9am-12pm

**Order of Online Worship for November 14.** We will meet online and in person at 10 am. The link will be posted on the website. If you wish to attend in person, screening, masking, and social distancing are still required. The session requests that people who attend in person be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 if they are eligible and it is medically possible.

**Call to Worship**

L: The God of Wisdom calls us to worship;

**P: in humility, we gather to offer our thanks and praise.**

L: The God of Peace calls us to let go of our cares and worries;

**P: in faith, we turn to God for hope and guidance.**

L: The God of Past, Present and Future welcomes us into this moment.

**P: in joy, we celebrate life in God's presence!**

L: Let us worship God together.

**P: Hallelujah! Let us praise the Lord!**

**Prayer of Approach and Confession**

L: Lord of Light and Life, we come before you in wonder and awe, eager to praise your name and enjoy in your presence. You are the source of all that is good and true, the essence of love. You bring gifts of peace and healing into troubled lives. You show us the way to love friend and enemy alike, to build a better world together. In this time of worship, inspire us to believe our work in Jesus' name makes a difference. So may we live to bring you glory, O God, now and always.

**P: God of justice and mercy, you call us to take a part in our community, loving our neighbours and serving your purposes. We confess that this is easier said than done. We often sit in judgment on those who serve in public life, criticizing any who fall short of our expectations. Yet we confess we, too, fall short of your loving purpose for us. Forgive us when we have been too quick to criticize and too slow to join in what needs to be done.**

L: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ—and Christ died for us; Christ rose for us; Christ reigns in power for us; Christ prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus

Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace. Share that forgiveness with others in his name.

**P: We will! Amen!**

Hymn #726 May the God of hope go with us every day

May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all.

working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

**Psalm 16**

L: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**P: I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.'**

L: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

**P: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink-offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

L: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**P: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

L: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

**P: in the night also my heart instructs me.**

L: I keep the LORD always before me;

**P: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.**

L: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

**P: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

Ongoing life of the church

Scripture: (other lectionary readings below)

Mark 13:1-8

Read by Adria Marsh

<sup>1</sup> As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

<sup>3</sup> When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup> 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' <sup>5</sup> Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup> Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup> When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Offertory: Cantilena, by J. Rheinberger

Martin Bohl

Celebration of our Generosity

Message: "Wars and Rumours of War"

Prayers of the people (using chat to share requests)

Benediction



Other Lectionary Readings

Daniel 12:1-3

<sup>1</sup> 'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup> Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup> Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Hebrews 10:11-25

<sup>11</sup> And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', <sup>13</sup> and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. <sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

<sup>16</sup> 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds',

<sup>17</sup> he also adds,

'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

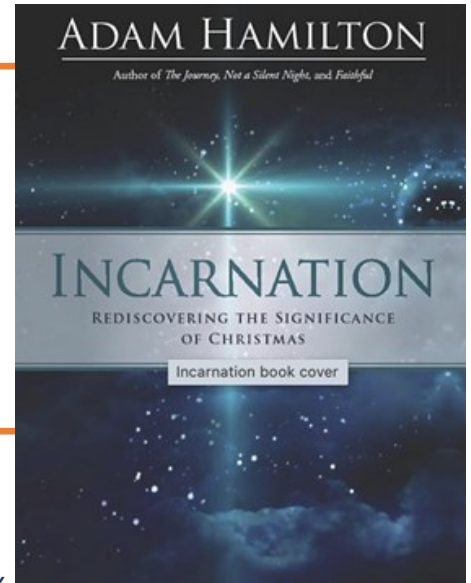
<sup>18</sup> Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

We are making some tentative plans for Christmas. Among other things, we are hoping to hold:

- A Longest Night Service on December 21 at 7:30 (in person and online)
- A family focused Christmas Eve service around 6 pm (in person and online)
- A communion service at 8 pm. (in person and online)
- We are thinking about the service on Sunday December 26 and wondering how many people would like to come out on that Sunday morning or just meet online.

We will once again participate in the Presbyterians Read Advent Book Study of *Incarnation* by Adam Hamilton. If you would like to participate with us, please let Joni know. There is a limited number of books available. We will read the book on our own and either have questions emailed to consider or set up a zoom to discuss, if desired by participants. Books are \$20 each.



Next Week's Sermon:



There are some **goodies** in the mailbox

at the church (the one marked “bulletins”) that are free for anyone to pick up. You will find:

- The November /December edition of Today
- The September/October/November edition of Our Daily Bread
- Printed copies of this bulletin each week.
- Printed copies of Scott's most recent sermon each week.
- The November Newsletter!

Did you find out who our guest reader is for this week's lessons? Hint: look in the pews! Our Google Classroom is posted on the website:

[www.standrewshespeler.ca](http://www.standrewshespeler.ca)



The November edition of **Andrew's Voice** is out. Please make sure you pick up a copy if you are at the church. Electronic copies are also available on the webpage or ask us and we'll email one to you. Please help us to get this newsletter out to as many people in the church as possible. If you can pick up one (or print one out) and take it to a friend or neighbour, that would be a tremendous help!

## Congratulations Adria!!

Adria recently completed her Bronze Cross Training and passed. She is one of Cambridge's newest assistant lifeguards. Way to go Adria!



## MISSION MOMENT



We have some really fun hand knit mittens for sale. All proceeds will go to Hope Clothing. The mittens are \$15 per pair. Thank you to Carol Johnson for sharing your talent with us! Please speak with Joni if you'd like a pair.



### Mission Moment – Equipping a New Leader in Nepal

In November 2021, the United Mission to Nepal (UMN) will welcome Dhana Lama as its first ever Nepali Executive Director. In addition to being UMN's first Nepali Executive Director, Dhana will be the 13th Executive Director since its founding in 1954 and the third woman to lead UMN. Outgoing Executive Director, Joel Hafvenstein, said, "Dhana is a strong and forthright leader who is also a listener, with the humility not to fear change or the acknowledgement of mistakes. Her passion for service to Nepal's poorest people is unquestionable." As an international, interdenominational Christian mission, UMN receives funding from partners designated for specific projects, which doesn't leave much for staff salaries.

Through Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC will join the Church of Scotland, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland and Asia CMS in financially supporting Dhana Lama during her tenure.



### Prayer Partnership

**Sunday, November 14** We pray for wisdom and courage as Dhana Lama begins her tenure as the first Nepali Executive Director of the United Mission to Nepal.

**Monday, November 15** We pray for ministers and worship leaders preparing for Advent and Christmas.

**Tuesday, November 16** We pray for the World Communion of Reformed Churches as it seeks to shine the light of God's reconciling love on racism within member churches and our nations.

**Wednesday, November 17** We pray for the Rev. Dr. Carlos Ham, Rector at the Evangelical Seminary of Theology in Cuba, as he provides spiritual and academic leadership.

**Thursday, November 18** We pray for the members of the Committee on Education and Reception as they meet this week with the candidates and ministers who have applied to be received into The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

**Friday, November 19** We give thanks for programs the church supports through Presbyterian World Service & Development that educate women and children on their rights and provide assistance to people experiencing abuse.

**Saturday, November 20** On **Transgender Day of Remembrance**, we pray for an end to violence and hatred towards trans and nonbinary people in Canada and around the world.